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THE SECRET OF HOW TO JOIN REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES!

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ABSTRACT: You have decided to join a professional committee, to experience things outside your work, to have fun, to network, to provide career advancement, to change things, to fill your resume, or other reasons. The previous are the Why's, but you want to know the How's, the Who's and the What's. Here is the secret!

"IT HAS BEEN LIKE ONE DOOR AFTER ANOTHER OPENING ON TO NEW EXPERIENCES AND ADVENTURES: MANY PLEASURABLE, SOME DIFFICULT, ALL REWARDING, AND MOSTLY STILL MORE OR LESS UNEXPECTED."

— David Miller, ALCTS, ALA

HOW: Top three qualities that will get you in:

1. WILLINGNESS
2. COMMITMENT
3. PASSION

WHO: Find the right group for you, vet them, visit and sit-in. Start locally, then to the regional, next, to the state and finally, to the national committees.

WHAT: See what these committees are about, do your research and ask questions. See what you need to do to join – you might simply need to ask, you might need to fill out a form or volunteer to be an intern; sometimes you might have to wait your turn when the committees are super competitive.

CONCLUSION: The secret to joining a committee is not a code or the secret knock, but your willingness, commitment and passion. These three qualities will open doors to your choice of professional committees!

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